

# **MINUTES OF CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025, 15:00PM – 15:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sarah Williams, Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning (Deputy Leader)

**In attendance:** Alfie Peacock, Senior Project Manager, Gillian Cox, Housing Energy Manager and Nazyer Choudhury, Principal Committee Co-Ordinator

## **1. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Cabinet Member referred to the filming at meetings notice and this information was noted.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

## **3. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS**

There were none.

## **6. ACCEPT UP TO £3.29M OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE WARM HOMES: SOCIAL HOUSING FUND**

The report sought approval to accept up to £3,290,823 of funding from the Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund (WH: SHF) programme. The funding would be obtained through the London Councils (Retrofit London) Consortium, and Camden Council as the Lead Authority of the pan-London partnership.

Haringey Council would enter into a funding agreement with the consortium, and an agreement with the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ).

The funding would be used to support a programme of retrofit / energy efficiency works for up to 403 properties over the next three years.

## **The Cabinet Member RESOLVED**

1. To agree to enter into the Consortium with London Councils (Retrofit London) Consortium, and Camden Council as Lead Authority, for the Warm Homes Social Housing Fund (WH: SHF) Wave 3.
2. To approve the acceptance of up to £3,290,823 of funding allocated from the Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund (WH: SHF) programme via the London Councils (Retrofit London) Consortium.
3. To approve entering into legal agreements with the London Councils (Retrofit London) Consortium and the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ). This included a grant funding agreement and collaboration agreement.
4. To approve up to 5% of grant funding taken from the administration & ancillary 15% (A&A) being retained by London Councils (Retrofit London) Consortium as per their management fee of the Consortium.
5. To approve the overall programme budget detailed in the Background Information of the Exempt Information Report.
6. To approve any additional grant (and match funding allocation) available via the Consortium throughout the three-year programme, can be accepted via delegated authority by the Director of Housing in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance up to a value of £1.5m.
7. To approve that the main consultant appointment (MDC / Retrofit Designer / BRPD) can be procured and approved under delegated authority by the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance, and as part of the budget agreed in recommendation 3, up to a value identified in the exempt part of the report.

## **Reasons for decision**

The funding would support delivering the retrofit works to our social housing stock, whilst making our social homes decent as per the regulatory standard. This supports our objectives set out within the Housing Asset Management Strategy & Housing Energy Action Plan.

Being a part of the pan-London approach offers Haringey Council the chance to both learn and collaborate on a regional level. London Councils (Retrofit London) Consortium consists of 27 total members (21 boroughs and 6 housing associations).

The programme could be accommodated for within the budget allocation for carbon reduction and major works within the latest Medium Term Financial Strategy.

## **Alternative options considered**

There was a financial shortfall for the retrofitting and decent homes works required for the social housing, and therefore not seeking government grant funding to support our capital works programme would mean that the programme was not financially viable.

The Council could have applied for government grant funding without joining the pan-London consortium; but the level of internal resource required for the application and administration of the grant was deemed too extensive. Plus, the learnings and support offered by other boroughs, housing associations, and London Councils (Retrofit London) Consortium was considered too great to dismiss. Being in a large consortium also had other benefits such as being able to increase or decrease the number of homes delivered (and grant funding amount) depending on supply chain capacity and performance.

## **7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Item 8 was subject to a motion to exclude the press and public be from the meeting as it contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paragraph 3, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

## **8. EXEMPT - ACCEPT UP TO £3.29M OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE WARM HOMES: SOCIAL HOUSING FUND**

The Cabinet Member considered the exempt information.

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Sarah Williams

Signed by Cabinet Member .....

Date .....11 April 2025